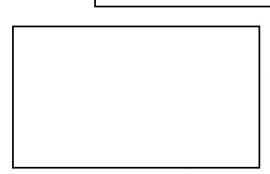
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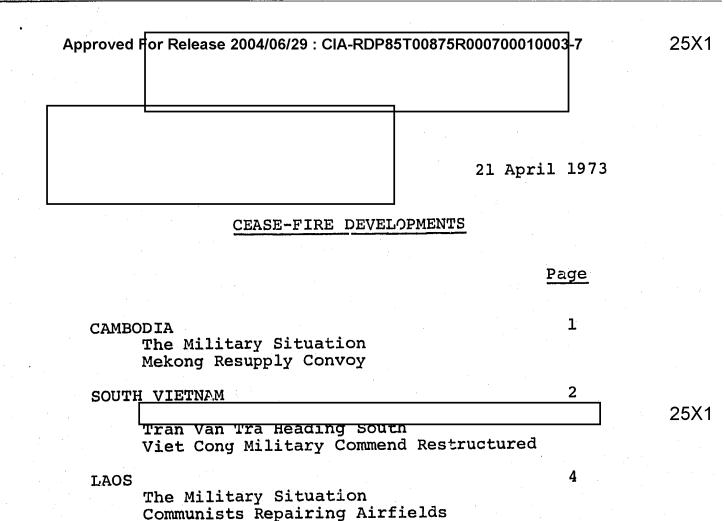
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The next Mekong River resupply convoy is still scheduled to sail for Phnom Penh on 23 April. A total of nine ships, including six POL tankers, are in the convoy. As of 21 April, Phnom Penh was down to about a two-day supply of gasoline and diesel fuel.

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Tran Van Tra Returning to the South

Lieutenant General Tran Van Tra, the head of the Viet Cong military delegation in Saigon, has "successfully concluded" the stay in North Vietnam that began in late March, according to Hanoi's domestic service. Tra left South Vietnam shortly before the demise of the Four-Party Joint Military Commission, and his return could indicate that Hanoi has decided on the line to be taken by the Communist side in the Two-Party Commission, which has been deadlocked since its inception. There is no indication as to the date of Tra's return to Saigon.

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Viet Cong Restructure Top Military Command

The Viet Cong apparently have consolidated major elements serving their "Liberation Army" under

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	The Military Situation	
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	filtration corridor some 35 miles west of Khe Sanh, South Vietnam.	25X1
	paired. Earlier this year, the Communists com- pleted repairs on an airstrip at Pathet Lao head- quarters at Sam Neva and began construct Lao head-	
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